



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A.1 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to transfer and appropriate funds for cemetery maintenance and operations, and for implementation of a civil service system and establishment of council districts as approved by the voters in November of 2012.

Ordinance No. 20120212-A01 was approved on Council Member Morrison's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.

- A.2 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) and Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to transfer and appropriate funds for municipal purposes pursuant to Council's mid-year budget priorities.

This item was tabled until after the recess.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the meeting at 11:36 a.m. without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting back to order at 12:19 p.m.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON ITEM A.2

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the meeting at 2:14 p.m. without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting back to order at 2:36 p.m.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON ITEM A.2

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the meeting at 2:46 p.m. without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting back to order at 2:57 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Mayor introduced the agenda for the February 14, 2013 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday's agenda.

- 43. Approve an ordinance creating a Commission on Veterans Affairs. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member Kathie Tovo CO 2: Council Member Mike Martinez)
- 46. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a draft ordinance and plan to transition the governance of Austin Energy to an independent board of trustees. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell CO 1: Council Member William Spelman CO 2: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole)
- 51. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to utilize a peer review process to identify best practices of peer U.S. city planning departments relating to residential permit review and solicit their recommendations. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Laura Morrison CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONTINUED

- A.2 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) and Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to transfer and appropriate funds for municipal purposes pursuant to Council's mid-year budget priorities.

Ordinance No. 20120212-A02 was approved on Council Member Spelman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second with following amendments on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The following motions were approved to modify the list of projects under consideration for funding.

The motion to include a request from Child Inc. for \$557,280 in the list of the items under consideration was approved on Council Member Morrison's motion, Council Member Martinez' second on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to include a one-time property tax relief of four million in the list of the items under consideration was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Mayor Leffingwell's second on a 4-3 vote with Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Cole, Council Members Spelman and Riley voting aye and Council Members Martinez, Morrison and Tovo voting nay.

The motion to include a request from the Overton Group for one-time cost of \$50,000 was approved on Council Member Martinez' motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The following the amendments were made to the main motion:

The motion to fund the APD Forensic Laboratory Staff for a one-time amount of \$25,800, and a recurring amount of \$154,854 was approved on Council Member Martinez' motion on a 7-0 vote.

The motion to fund the Planning and Development Review staffing for a one-time amount of \$17,808 and recurring amount of \$170,482 was approved on Council Member Riley's motion on a 7-0 vote.

The motion to fund Affordable Housing for a one-time amount of \$10.8 million was made by Council Member Tovo. Council Member Tovo amended the motion to reduce the one-time amount

to 10.0 million. The revised motion was approved on Council Member Tovo's motion on a 4-3 vote with Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Spelman voting nay.

The motion to fund the African American Cultural Heritage District for a recurring amount of \$80,000 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole. Mayor Pro Tem Cole amended the motion to request a one-time funding request of \$50,000 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to fund the Arc of the Capital Area for a one-time amount of \$250,000 was approved on Council Member Morrison motion on a 4-3 vote with Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Council Member Spelman voting nay.

The motion to fund the Wildfire Fuel Mitigation for a one-time amount of \$236,000 and recurring amount of \$844,903 was approved on Council Member Martinez' motion on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to fund the Pilot Program to Open Select Hike and Bike Trails 24-hours for a one-time amount of \$350,000 was approved on Council Member Riley's motion on a 5-2 vote with Mayor Leffingwell and Council Member Spelman voting nay. Council Member Riley indicated a revised ordinance relating to 24-hour access on the hike and bike trails will be presented to Council at the February 28, 2013 meeting limiting the opening the trail to bike traffic.

The motion to fund the Austin Playhouse for a one-time amount of \$150,000 was made by Council Member Tovo. Council Member Tovo amended the motion include the condition that the funding is contingent on the Austin Playhouse obtaining the additional \$600,000 required for the project by March 31, 2013. The revised motion was approved on Council Member Tovo's motion on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to fund the Child Inc. for a one-time amount of \$557,280 was approved on Council Member Morrison's motion on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to fund the River City Youth for a recurring amount of \$73,000 was approved on Council Member Martinez' motion on a 6-1 vote with Mayor Leffingwell voting nay.

The motion to include the remaining amount of \$497,399 and any funding allocated above and not used in a contingency fund for potential property tax relief and other contingency items that arise in the future was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion on a 7-0 vote.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST CONTINUED

44. Approve an ordinance granting a variance that authorizes payment instead of structural controls required under City Code Section 25-8-211 for six specified lots in the Austin Lake Hills Section 2 Subdivision, located in the Lake Austin watershed. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member William Spelman CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 2: Council Member Chris Riley)
Discussion occurred.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 28th day of February 2013 on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.